

1 ABSTRACT

2 The present invention provides a linear fastening system  
3 capable of rapid engagement and disengagement. More  
4 specifically, the system utilizes a cooperating collet member  
5 and a compression ring member which are constructed and  
6 arranged to slip easily over a shank member. The fastener  
7 system is secured by sliding a compression member in a linear  
8 overlapping fashion over the collet member thereby utilizing  
9 the conical surfaces to compress the collet member to grip the  
10 outer surface of the shank member. In this manner, the linear  
11 fastener system is capable of providing a secure connection  
12 between multiple components without the need to apply  
13 rotational torque to the assembly.

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